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FOR AMBASSADORS AND USAID DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: CONSOLIDATION OF ALL INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
CONTROL PROGRAM OPERATIONS UNDER S/NM

REFERENCES: A) STATE 193780; B) STATE 197628

1. REF A INFORMED THE FIELD OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY'S
DECISION TO CONSOLIDATE THE OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES UNDER

THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON AND IN THE FIELD. REF B REQUESTED EMBASSIES' VIEW REGARDING THE BEST METHOD OF EFFECTING THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY AT EACH POST. ONE OF OUR PRINCIPAL CONCERNS IS THAT THE TRANSFER BE AN ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT ONE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PASS ON TO THE EMBASSIES AND USAIDS CONCERNED SOME OF OUR VIEWS AND QUESTIONS ON THE TRANSITION PERIOD.

2. WE ANTICIPATE THAT IN THE FIELD A NARCOTICS CONTROL UNIT (NCU) WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF EACH EMBASSY IN COUNTRIES HAVING INC PROGRAMS. THIS UNIT WOULD BE UNDER THE OVERALL DIRECTION OF THE AMBASSADOR AND UNDER THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF THE DCM OR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NCU WOULD TAKE PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND NARCOTICS PERSONNEL FROM THE USAID TO THE EMBASSY. THE TIMING OF THIS ACTION WILL DEPEND TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON THE EMBASSIES' ABILITY TO TAKE ON AND SUPPORT THE NCU. CONSIDERATIONS WILL BE:

A) IS THERE ADEQUATE SPACE AT THE EMBASSY FOR THE UNIT? IF NOT, HOW DOES THE EMBASSY PROPOSE TO HOUSE THE UNIT? IS PHYSICAL RELOCATION ESSENTIAL PRIOR TO EMBASSIES ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY?

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B) WHAT WILL BE THE COST OF OFFICE SPACE, UTILITIES, ETC?

C) HOW SOON WILL THE EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION BE IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT THE UNIT?

D) HOW SOON WILL THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION/GSO BE IN A POSITION TO SUPPORT NCU PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES?

E) WILL THERE BE ANY DIFFERENCE IN LEVEL OF SUPPORT PROVIDED TO EMPLOYEES BY THE EMBASSY AS COMPARED TO THAT CURRENTLY BEING RECEIVED FROM THE USAID? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

F) IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE CONTINUATION OF FINANCIAL SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE USAID UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30, 1978 MIGHT NOT BE CONVENIENT. HOWEVER, ARE THERE ANY EXTRAORDINARY PROBLEMS THAT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD?

G) DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE SUFFICIENT VEHICLES TO FULLY SUPPORT THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF NCU PERSONNEL FOR THEIR DUTIES? ARE THERE ANY USAID VEHICLES EITHER PURCHASED

WITH INC FUNDS OR IN EXCESS TO USAID NEEDS WHICH COULD BE ACQUIRED BY THE EMBASSY TO ALLEVIATE ANY SHORTAGE OF VEHICLES IN THE EMBASSY?

H) DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE SUFFICIENT NON-EXPENDABLE OFFICE AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT? IF NOT, CAN SUCH ITEMS BE OBTAINED FROM THE USAID, ON SHORT TERM LOAN, OR ACQUISITION BASIS?

I) DOES THE EMBASSY PERCEIVE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE HOST GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THE TRANSFER OF FUNCTION? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

J) ARE THERE ANY OTHER SUPPORT OR LOGISTIC PROBLEMS THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF S/NM?

K) DOES THE EMBASSY OR USAID PERCEIVE ANY MORALE PROBLEMS? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS.

3. SUPPORT SERVICES RECEIVED FROM AID WILL BE ASSUMED BY THE EMBASSY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. THESE SUPPORT SERVICES INCLUDE: PROCUREMENT, CONTRACTING, LEGAL, FINANCIAL SERVICES, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING AND INTERNATIONAL TRAINING. IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE TYPE AND QUANTITY OF SERVICES RECEIVED FROM THE USAID, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE USAIDS UNDERTAKE A MAN-MONTH STUDY OF SERVICES PRESENTLY BEING PERFORMED IN-HOUSE BY USAID FOR THE PAST TWELVE MONTH PERIOD; I.E. SEPTEMBER 1976 TO 31 AUGUST 1977. THE FORMAT OF THE REPORT SHOULD BE AS FOLLOW:
MAN-YEAR

SERVICES AMER DIRECT-HIRE CONTRACT FSL TCN

CONTRACTING
PROCUREMENT
LEGAL
FINANCIAL SERVICES
TRAINING
PROGRAMMING
BUDGETING
OTHERS (LIST)

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TOTAL :

WE WOULD APPRECIATE A JOINT RESPONSE FROM EMBASSIES AND USAIDS DEALING WITH THE TRANSFER AND PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH. ANSWERS TO THE LISTED QUESTIONS AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION WOULD BE HELPFUL. INFORMA-
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TION ON MAN-MONTHS UTILIZED FOR SUPPORT SERVICES WILL BE
ESSENTIAL TO US IN OUR EFFORT TO ASSESS THE IMPACT ON THE
DEPARTMENT IN ASSUMING THOSE FUNCTIONS. WHILE THE PLAN
IS FOR STATE TO ASSUME SUPPORT SERVICES NO LATER THAN
SEPTEMBER 30, 1978, YOUR RESPONSES SHOULD TAKE INTO
CONSIDERATION THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLIER TRANSFER OF
THESE SERVICES. PLEASE CABLE REPLIES BY SEPTEMBER 16,
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